

# Rapid Response Teams Advanced Training Package



RAPID RESPONSE TEAMS  
TRAINING

## Our Goal

Member States empowered to reinforce the capacities and skills of their Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) to early detect and rapidly respond to epidemics and other public health events at national and sub-national levels.



### What is the RRT ATP?

- The RRT Advanced Training Package (RRT ATP) is a structured comprehensive collection of customizable learning resources and tools enabling relevant training institutions to plan, facilitate and evaluate face-to-face advanced training for RRTs tailored to country specific needs.
- The RRT ATP provides to RRT members the advanced knowledge and skills needed to deploy anywhere anytime to early detect and effectively respond to public health events. It builds on and operationalizes the knowledge acquired through RRT Essential Online Course.



### For whom?

National professionals (including epidemiologists, data managers, clinicians - doctors and nurses - laboratory experts, infection prevention and control specialists, environmental experts, communication and community engagement officers, psychosocial support experts, logisticians, who are likely to be deployed as members of RRTs when an alert is given in their country.



### What's in it for me?

#### 4 Learning Units

#### A RRTs in context

- A1** Frameworks for emergency response
- A2** RRTs: functioning & coordination
- A3** Deployment and logistic requirements
- A4** RRT deliverables
- A5** Occupational Health and Safety
- A6** Emergency Operations Centers and IMS
- A7** Ethics, prevention of sexual abuse and exploitation in emergencies

#### B Technical modules

- B1** Basic epidemiology for public health practice
- B2** Epidemiological surveillance in emergencies
- B3** Data management in emergencies
- B4** Outbreak investigation
- B5** Risk assessment
- B6** Infection Prevention & Control
- B7** Laboratory sample management
- B8** Social mobilization/community engagement
- B9** Emergency risk communications
- B10** Psychological First Aid

#### C Scenario-based skills-drill

- C1** RRT activated
- C2** At the hospital: interview with medical staff
- C3** At the hospital: interview with patient
- C4** Communication and community engagement
- C5** Active case finding and contact tracing
- C6** Investigation report

#### D Evaluation

- D1** Participant satisfaction
- D2** Participant learning
- D3** Learning transfer to the job



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## What are the expected outcomes?

Back at their workstations, RRT members will be able to:

- ▶ Act as a functional multidisciplinary team when requested by the relevant public health authority
- ▶ Collect, analyze, and interpret data to support decision making for response to public health events
- ▶ Conduct a rapid risk assessment and reassess it periodically to guide evidence-based decisions for the response
- ▶ Carry out epidemiological investigation of suspected cases either to confirm or discard an outbreak
- ▶ Apply appropriate infection prevention and control measures based on risk assessment in all situations
- ▶ Perform safe collection of samples from suspected cases and arrange for packaging and transportation to reference laboratory
- ▶ Conduct active case finding and contact tracing activities to effectively control a potential outbreak
- ▶ Communicate risk effectively using messages and channels adapted to the audience and the situation
- ▶ Engage communities, with regards to their culture, in response activities using approaches and tools adapted to different phases of a public health event
- ▶ Provide psychological first aid to affected populations and responders during emergencies
- ▶ Prevent and manage occupational health risks and safety hazards during field work
- ▶ Follow ethical rules while responding to public health events.

## Languages

The programme is available in English and French.

Other UN languages may be available in the near future.

## Where to access the RRT Advanced Training Package?

Access the RRT ATP on the Health Security Learning Platform:

**On your computer**

<https://bit.ly/3X5HF54>

**On your mobile phone**

